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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS SUMMARY, SATURDAY 5/14

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WASHINGTON POST

WILLIAM BRANIGAN FROM TEHRAN

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE CONFERRED FOR 2 AND A HALF HOURS WITH  
THE SHAH OF IRAN TODAY, AND INDICATED AFTERWARD THAT THE US  
WOULD CONTINUE ITS ROLE AS IRAN'S MAIN ARMS SUPPLIER  
WITHOUT LINKING THE SALES TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN  
THE COUNTRY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE SAID HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE CAME UP BUT REFUSED TO BE  
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DRAWN INTO ANY CRITICISM OF IRAN ON SUBJECT.

-- VANCE DECLINED TO GIVE DETAILS OF TALKS, BUT SAID SHAH  
DID NOT EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT SLOWING OF SALES.

-- ADMINISTRATION DENEIED MILITARY AID TO URUGUAY, ARGEN-

TINA AND ETHIOPIA BECAUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT HAS RECENTLY APPEARED TO MODERATE POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN COUNTRIES OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE SUCH AS IRAN AND SOUTH KOREA.

-- OVERRIDING CONCERN IN CARTER ADMIN'S POLICY TOWARD IRAN APPEARS TO BE IRAN'S STRATEGIC LOCATION.

-- VANCE DID NOT EXPECT CARTER'S CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS TO "COMPLICATE RELATIONS", BUT WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

-- CLOSEST VANCE CAME TO CRITICISM WAS WHEN HE SAID SHAH HAD TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM, BUT DISSENT DOESN'T NECESSARILY INVOLVE TERRORISM.

-- VANCE DENIED BHUTTO CHARGES.

-- VANCE SAID US AND USSR MIGHT "FIND A BRIDGING OF DIFFERENCES" ON SALT. US HAS NO NEW PROPOSALS, BUT HOPED TWO SIDES COULD ACHIEVE A SYNTHESIS OF PROPOSALS ALREADY MADE.

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NEW YORK TIMES

CHARLES MOHR FROM TEHERAN

LEAD: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION MAY BE RECONCILED TO PUTTING ASIDE FOR THE TIME BEING A SO-CALLED "COMPRE-UNCLASSIFIED

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HENSIVE" PROPOSAL FOR LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS AND TO ACCEPTING A MORE MODEST PLAN SIMILAR TO ONE PROPOSED BY THE SOVIET UNION, ACCORDING TO INDICATIONS GIVEN TODAY TO REPORTERS TRAVELING WITH SECSTATE CYRUS R. VANCE."

OTHER POINTS:

-- HOPES WERE EXPRESSED FOR PROGRESS AT GENEVA, BUT ONE OFFICIAL SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

-- OUTLINED THE THREE PROPOSALS ON THE TABLE.

-- AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL WAS OF THE VIEW THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THE VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO HAVE "ELEMENTS" OF VLADIVOSTOK AND AT SAME TIME AGREE ON WHAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS.

-- MEANING OF THIS SEEMED TO BE THAT CARTER'S AMBITIOUS

PLAN FOR REAL ARMS LIMITATION WOULD HAVE TO BE SET ASIDE  
IN REACHING NEW AGREEMENT TO REPLACE ONE EXPIRING IN  
OCTOBER.

-- ONE OFFICIAL SEEMED TO BE HOPING THAT THE SOVIET UNION  
WOULD PUBLICLY ACCEPT THE DEEPER CUTS AS A "FRAMEWORK" FOR  
SALT III.

-- VANCE IN TEHRAN FOR CENTO AND TALKS WITH SHAH.

-- VANCE SAID HE HAD LONG CONVERSATION WITH SHAH, DIS-  
CUSSING ALL THE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS BETWEEN US AND IRAN.  
VANCE DECLINED TO REVEAL MUCH OF WHAT WAS SAID.

-- UNCLEAR HOW GENEVA TALKS WOULD DEVELOP, AND NOT CLEAR  
HOW SERIOUSLY SOVIET UNION WAS WILLING TO TALKS ABOUT ARMS  
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LIMITATION AT THIS TIME. US HAD SUGGESTED TALKS BEGIN  
WITH MIDEAST AND MOVE ON TO ARMS, BUT MOSCOW HAS NOT YET  
REPLIED TO THIS.

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RICHARD MEYER FROM TEHRAN

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE SAID TODAY THE CARTER ADMIN'S  
TALKS WITH MIDDLE EAST LEADERS HAVE 'GIVEN US SOME HOPE  
FOR PROGRESS TOWARD PERMANENT PEACE.'"

OTHER POINTS:

-- IN CENTO ADDRESS, VANCE SAID US HOPED TO RECONVENE  
GENEVA CONF SOMETIME IN LATTER PART OF 1977.

-- US CONVINCED GENEVA CONF MUST BE WELL PREPARED, SINCE  
FAILURE WOULD HAVE SERIOUS RISKS FOR FUTURE.

-- VANCE ENCOURAGED CENTO COUNTRIES TO RESPECT HUMAN  
RIGHTS.

-- URGED RESOLUTION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEMS.

-- VANCE SAID WEDNESDAY CENTO HAS BEEN IMPORTANT TO THE  
RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE MEMBERS, BUT A STATE DEPT OFFICIAL  
TRAVELING WITH HIM SAID THE REAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CENTO IS  
THAT IT'S THERE.

-- VANCE HOPED TO DISCUSS CYPRUS AND US BASES WITH TURKISH

FORNMIN.

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JIM ANDERSON FROM TEHRAN  
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LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE TODAY URGED IRAN AND OTHER MEMBERS  
OF THE CENTRAL TREATY ORGANIZATION TO MEET 'THE ASPI-  
RATIONS OF (THEIR) PEOPLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.'"

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE DID NOT CONNECT HUMAN RIGHTS WITH FUTURE ARMS  
SALES.

-- VANCE MET 2 HRS 15 MINUTES WITH SHAH TO DISCUSS ARMS  
SALES LIMITATION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND OIL PRICES.

-- VANCE SAID THAT NO LINKAGE BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
ARMS SALES HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SHAH.

-- VANCE INVITED SHAH TO US LATER THIS YEAR.

-- LINKS BETWEEN US AND IRAN REST ON AMERICAN ARMS AND  
IRANIAN OIL.

-- VANCE LEAVES SUNDAY FOR GENEVA TO MEET WITH GROMYKO FOR  
TALKS ON MIDEAST AND SALT.

REUTERS

ROY GUTMAN FROM TEHERAN

LEAD: "US SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE SAID HERE THAT  
THERE IS NO LINKAGE BETWEEN HUMAN RIGHTS, AN ISSUE WHICH  
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS CHAMPIONING AROUND THE WORLD,  
AND US ARMS SALES TO IRAN."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE TOLD PRESS CONF HE HAD OUTLINED CARTER'S HUMAN  
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RIGHTS POLICIES TO SHAH.

-- VANCE SAID HE AND SHAH FOUND "GREAT DEAL OF COMMON-ALITY" IN VIEWS ON MANY MATTERS.

-- VANCE SAID HUMAN RIGHTS HAS NOT COMPLICATED RELATIONS.

-- OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH VANCE STRESSED IN BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS THAT TREND ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN IS IMPROVING.

-- IN APPARENT SNUB TO US, PAKISTAN WILL BE REPRESENTED AT CENTO ONLY BY AMBASSADOR TO IRAN.

NOTE: ADDITIONAL REUTER PIECE, NOT BY GUTMAN, COVERED SECRETARY'S OPENING REMARKS TO CENTO, LEADING WITH MIDDLE EAST SECTION.

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